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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO US OF LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY PRORECTOR LEONID

I SELEZNEV

DEPARTMENT FOR CU/EE

MOSCOW FOR P&C

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM LGU PRORECTOR FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS SELEZNEV IN CONNECTION WITH HOPEFULLY PLANNED TRIP TO US OF APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS IN MONTH OF APRIL. DURING VISIT LENINGRAD LAST APRIL OF S.U.N.Y. DELEGATION LED BY CHANCELLOR ERNEST L. BOYER, VERBAL INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY BOYER TO SELEZNEV TO

VISIT S.U.N.Y. ACCORDING SELEZNEV, BOYER ALSO AT THAT TIME OFFERED ARRANGE A VISIT FOR SELEZNEV TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, IN BOTH CASES TO STUDY US UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE AND PRACTICES. IN FOLLOW UP LETTER FROM BOYER TO LGU RECTOR MAKAROV DATED 31 MAY, 1974, BOYER EXPRESSES PARTICULAR THANKS TO SELEZNEV AND STATES (TO MAKAROV) "SHOULD YOUR TRAVELS BRING YOU TO NEW YORK STATE, IT WOULD BE A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN YOUR COURTESIES AT OUR UNIVERSITY."

2. SELEZNEV IN POSSESSION OF FORMAL LETTER OF INVITATION FROM PHI DELTA KAPPA (EDUCATION FRATERNITY) PRESIDENT AND PENN STATE PROFESSOR H. SEYMOUR FOWLER INVITING HIM FOR A FEW DAYS TO PENN STATE. INVITATION OFFERS PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALBANY-PENN STATE-MICHIGAN, LODGING AND MEALS AT PENN., AND \$100.00

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3. SELEZNEV HAS BEEN ASSURED BY MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HE WILL RECEIVE PASSPORT AND THAT MINISTRY WILL FUND ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL MOSCOW-NEW YORK, IF RPT IF HE RECEIVES MORE FORMAL, DETAILED INVITATION FROM S.U.N.Y. 31, MAY, 1974 BOYER-MAKAROV LETTER NOT DEEMED SUFFICIENT. THUS, IN LETTER TO BOYER DATED 21 FEB, 1975, SELEZNEV ADVISES OF PENN STATE INVITATION ABOVE AND STATES QUOTE: I UNDERSTAND...THAT MY VISIT TO THE USA CAN BE EASILY AND QUICKLY ARRANGED IF YOU COULD FORMALLY CONFIRM YOUR INVITATION AND INDICATE IN IT WHETHER I SHOULD PAY ALL MY EXPENSES MYSELF OR NOT...I HOPE TO STAY AT YOUR UNIVERSITY FOR ABOUT A WEEK. END QUOTE.

4. SELEZNEV HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT SOVIET PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS FOR DEPARTURE PERMISSION AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL TAKE AT LEAST A MONTH. INASMUCH AS HIS SCHEDULE REQUIRES RETURN TO USSR BY FIRST MAY, THREE WEEK VISIT USA MUST COMMENCE BY END FIRST WEEK IN APRIL. DETAILED INVITATION MUST THUS BE RECEIVED HERE BY FIRST WEEK MARCH.

5. ACTION: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PASS ABOVE S.U.N.Y. FOR CHANCELLOR BOYER WITH REQUEST THAT INVITATION, IF FORTHCOMING, BE CABLED RATHER THAN MAILED, AS SOVIETS ESTIMATE AT LEAST TWO WEEK FLOW TIME FOR LETTERS EACH WAY. SUGGEST S.U.N.Y. WIRE SELEZNEV VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE DIRECTLY TO LGU, WITH COPY TO CONGEN.

6. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: AS THIS IS FIRST TIME CONGEN'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH A MATTER HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND IS MARK OF POSITIVELY DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH LGU (VERBAL INVITATION WAS IN FACT GIVEN AT CONGEN RECEPTION), AND AS CONGEN CONSIDERS VISIT BY SELEZNEV, WHO IS ESSENTIALLY NUMBER TWO MAN AT USSR'S SECOND RANKING UNIVERSITY, TO BE IN US'S BEST INTEREST, DEPT REQUESTED TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES EXPEDITIOUSLY FACILITATE REQUEST. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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